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SUBJ: GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT

1. SEPTEMBER 20 OTTAWA CITIZEN PUBLISHED LENGTHY ARTICLE ENTITLED "GREAT LAKES: US INDIFFERENT." ACCORDING TO ARTICLE "TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT IS UPSET BY THE US GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO ITS PROMISE TO CLEAN UP GREAT LAKES WATER."

2. ARTICLE SUMMARIZES BACKGROUND WHICH LED TO SIGNATURE OF GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT AND CITES IJC REPORT THAT "THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC CONFIRMATION AVAILABLE TO BACK UP THEORIES THAT QUALITY OF WATER IN LAKES ONTARIO AND ERIE IS IMPROVED...THE REPORT INDICATED CANADA IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON THE LONG-DELAYED CLEAN-UP OPERATION BUT SLAPPED AMERICAN WRISTS FOR INACTION ON THE THREE-YEAR PACT".

3. ARTICLE ALSO REVIEWS IMPOUNDMENT ISSUE AND PRESSURES UPON US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM THE STATES AND ONTARIO FOR "A RENEWED ANTI-POLLUTION EFFORT". ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE CANADIAN FEDERAL OFFICIALS EXPRESSED PRIVATE CONCERN AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONTARIO GOVERNMENT IS

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PRESSING FOR PROTEST TO US AUTHORITIES TO ACCELERATE

CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES. HOWEVER, "SO
FAR CANADA HAS FAILED TO ADOPT A HARD-NOSED STANCE
ON THE ISSUE". TEXT OF ARTICLE TO EUR/CAN BEING
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